



## **DIAMOND HEAD/KAPAHULU/ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5**

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### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 13, 2006 ALA WAI GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ah Mai at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ah Mai, Bert Narita, Wayne Gau, Sharon Dumas, Barbara Miller, Kenneth Chang, Rick Egged, George Waialeale, Bertha Nahoopii, Joe Otto, Linda Wong, Michelle Matson, Roxie Berlin, Don Persons, Jay Harden.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**GUESTS:** Arthur Aiu (Board of Water Supply), Keith Young, Capt. Keith Nakanelua (HFD-Central Station), HPD District 7 East Honolulu – Officer Steven Mau, Lt. Alex Ahlo, Sgt. Dee Ann Koanui, Sgt. Cynthia Hytry, Capt. A. Arita, HPD-District 6 – Waikiki – Lt. D. Chun, Sgt. R. Hamasaki, Officer K. Chun. R. Lombardi, Senator Les Ihara, John Ida (Urban Works), Walea Constantinau (Mayor's Office), Eric La'a (Representative Scott Nishimoto's Office), Ken Redman (Honolulu Zoo), Daisy Murai, Dave Chun, Keith Young, Ron Lockwood (Chair, Moiliili – McCully Neighborhood Board), Representative Calvin Say, Greg Hee (Department of Design and Construction), Gordon Ito (Governor's Office), Dean Chu (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:**

**HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Capt. Nakanelua, from the Waikiki Station, reported the following:

1. Statistics for last month included: 9 structure, 1 rubbish and 3 vehicle fires, 97 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescue, 9 miscellaneous. There were no major or unusual incidents.
2. The Safety Tip of the Month is "Cooking fires are the leading cause of fires and the second major cause of death among older adults. If you are cooking and must leave the kitchen, even for a only a few minutes, turn off the stove. Keep a fire extinguisher (with a minimum 2A 10BC) in or near your kitchen and learn how to use it. Inspect the fire extinguisher regularly to ensure that it has not expired.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

Chair Ah Mai thanked Capt. Nakanelua for allowing the collection of vines from the station's grounds.

Capt. Nakanelua was thanked for attending the meeting.

**HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Lt. Chun, from District 6, Waikiki, reported the following:

1. Last month there were 28 arrests made for illegal camping in the Waikiki Shell and no arrests made for illegal camping in the Waikiki Shell parking lot; 64 arrests were made for illegal camping in Kapiolani Park and 5 for living in vehicles at the Diamond Head Tennis Center.
2. Statistics for March compared to February included: 0/0 robberies, 2/1 burglaries, 7/8 thefts, 1/4 motor vehicle thefts, 2/2 criminal property damage, 12/9 liquor law violations, 13/8 motor vehicle collisions, 14/7 arguments, 4/4 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles.
3. Plainclothes officers are being used in the park and on the beaches, and efforts have been successful.

Questions, answers and comments followed:



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1. Information was not available at this time on whether or not the arguments types of cases involved repeat calls to the same location. In some cases police receive a call about an argument, but none is found when they arrive, but the call is becomes part of the statistics.
2. The zoo parking lot is checked by plainclothes officers.

Officer Chung, from District 7, reported the following:

1. Statistics for March compared to February included: Beat 756 – 2/2 burglaries, 3/4 thefts, 4/3 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles, Beat 757 – 0/0 burglaries, 1/1 theft/ 0/0 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles, Beat 758 – 2/2 burglaries, 5/4 thefts, 1/2 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles, Beat 760 – 1/1 burglary, 5/3 thefts, 8/9 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles, Beat 762 – 9/1 burglaries, 10/2 thefts, 4/4 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles.
2. Contained in the written report distributed earlier in the meeting, is information from the Mayor on “Taking Care of Garbage, Waste Management/Recycling.
3. Officers on ATVs (all terrain vehicles) have made 11 arrests and issued 171 citations.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Thanks were extended on the expeditious handling an incident that happened to former Board member Fay Kennedy involving roaming, barking dogs.
2. Arrests have been made in burglary cases that mainly involved commercial/business establishments. The increase in thefts involved mainly construction sites.
3. Thanks were expressed for the response to an abandoned vehicle call which turned out to be a stolen vehicle, which was handled expeditiously.

All of the members of the police department present were thanked for attending the meeting.

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY** – Arthur Aiu, from the Board of Water Supply reported the following:

1. There was one water main break last month where an eight-inch main broke on Kaunaoa Street. The main is 78 years old.
2. When it rains heavily our pumpage drops because people don't water their lawns, wash their cars, or do other heavy water consumption outdoor activities. While this can briefly cause water levels to rise, this does not indicate that there is more water in the aquifer, only that we are pumping less water from them. Usually, when the rain ends, the aquifer levels will go back to regular levels as pumpage rises to accommodate people resuming the activities they put off while inclement weather was occurring. During heavy rains, there is always considerable runoff that occurs. Despite the runoff, rainy weather helps maximize the amount of rainfall available for aquifer recharge. Winter and Spring rains help to balance out the dry months we expect in the Summer. We should continue to be mindful of water use even during periods like these as the effects from them will not be immediately known.
3. Water conservation tip: the height at which you mow your lawn can have a direct effect on how much and how often you water it. Make sure you know what the correct height is for the type of grass you have on your lawn. Leaving grass cuttings on your lawn can help soil retain moisture naturally.
4. A project for a water main replacement and other appurtenances on Monsarrat Avenue, between Paki Avenue and Campbell Avenue, went out to bid on March 23.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

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1. Follow up will be done on the status of the Kapahulu Avenue project.
2. A project on Kalakaua Avenue was delayed by the weather and the contractor acquiring necessary permits.
3. Water from the Ala Wai Canal is not used by the Board of Water Supply.
4. The project on Monsarrat, between Paki and Campbell, will not involve digging on Paki.
5. Ongoing projects in the area include: a) Campbell Avenue, between Kapahulu Avenue and Kaunaoa Street; b) Kalakaua Avenue in the area of the Dillingham Fountain, and c) Monsarrat, between Paki and Campbell.
6. An upcoming project will involve all of Kalakaua Avenue, through Waikiki, from the Natatorium to Beretania Street. The project will be done in segments
7. There was another water main break on Kaunaoa Street earlier this month.

Aiu was thanked for attending the meeting.

**STANDING RULES:** Chair Ah Mai reviewed the Board's standing rules: be recognized before speaking, turns are limited to two minutes unless otherwise noted, no one shall speak again until all others have been accommodated, and no food or drink on the hardwood dance floor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 9, 2006 REGULAR MEETING:** The following corrections were made:

Page 3, under Subdistrict 3 – Diamond Head, item number 1 should read "...for sidewalk bulbouts."

**Miller moved and Egged seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Narita reported the following for the month of March: the Operating Account balance was \$1097.65, and included \$47.45 in current month's expenses, the Publicity Account balance was \$1705.00, the Refreshment Account balance was \$120.00.

**BOARD HOUSEKEEPING:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chair Ah Mai reported the following:

1. An additional copy of consultant Helber, Hastert and Fee's report on the zone change for the Department of Land and Natural Resource's 738 Kapahulu Avenue property is available from her.
2. The Board has received a copy of the 2007 Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Draft Overall Work Program."
3. The election of Board officers will be held at the June meeting.
4. Chair Ah Mai reported that the minutes of an Ala Moana – Kakaako Neighborhood Board meeting includes a statement that the 'Diamond Head Neighborhood Board' supported a resolution by the Ala Moana – Kakaako Neighborhood Board, for the creation of a Kakaako – Makai historic district. Chair Ah Mai and members concurred that although the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Board considered a resolution regarding Kakaako-Makai at a previous meeting, there was no mention or action taken regarding the creation of a historic district. The Chair will write a letter to the Ala Moana - Kakaako Board requesting a correction.

**OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPORT** – Otto was not present at this time. Chair encouraged interested persons to review the 2007 Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Draft Overall Work Program material.

**NEWSLETTER** – Miller thanked everyone who submitted articles for the newsletter. She will take the draft to the Neighborhood Commission Office for publication.

**SUBDISTRICT REPORTS:**

**SUBDISTRICT 1, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS** – Gau reported the following:

1. At the last St. Louis Community Association meeting there was a presentation on the Neighborhood Security Watch Program. There has been a good response for volunteer sign-ups.
2. St. Louis School is marking its 160th anniversary with an ohana festival, April 27 and 28.

**SUBDISTRICT 2, KAPAHULU** – Chair Ah Mai reported canoe clubs using the Ala Wai Canal for practice are requesting development of restroom and shower facilities.

**SUBDISTRICT 3, DIAMOND HEAD** – Berlin and Wong reported the following:

1. The recent crater festival concert was very successful.
2. The crosswalk across Leahi Street, at Pualei Circle, will be installed next week.
3. The Department of Planning and Permitting is rechecking problems regarding diversion of water on Noela Drive to Pualei Circle.
4. A captain at the Waikiki Fire Station reported that the sidewalk bulbout at Kapahulu and Leahi avenues, allows for little clearance for their vehicles, causing a slow down to negotiate the area.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE** – Gordon Ito, representing the Governor's Office, reported the following:

1. The Governor's weekly report was distributed along with tips on mosquito prevention information.
2. In response to a previously submitted question about public restrooms in parks, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources which has jurisdiction over State parks, reports that restrooms are cleaned regularly and improvements to restroom facilities are being made.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Additional comments followed on the need for improvement to park restrooms, such as in Makaha.
2. Regarding a previous question about the gas cap law, the Governor can only suspend the law if there are certain major, adverse impacts on the economy, health, safety and welfare of the public.

Ito was thanked for attending the meeting.

**SENATOR LES IHARA** – Senator Ihara was present earlier in the meeting, but left before this portion of the meeting.

**REPRESENTATIVE CALVIN SAY** – Representative Say was not present at this time, but arrived later in the meeting. Time expired before he could make a report. A written report was available.

**REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT NISHIMOTO** – Eric La'a, from Representative Nishimoto's Office, distributed the newsletter and reported there will be a disaster relief forum, April 18, Washington Middle School, 6:00 p.m. Representatives from various State, City, federal, and private agencies will be present.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Follow up will be done on the status of pedestrian safety related legislation.

**MAYOR'S OFFICE** – Walea Constantinau, representing the Mayor's Office, reported the following:

1. Regarding a previous question about water runoff being diverted from Noela Street to Pualei Circle, the Department of Planning and Permitting, is doing additional inspection for possible building and grading violations.
2. Regarding a previous question about sidewalk bulbouts on Kapahulu Avenue, the Department of Design and Construction reports "...The master plan has been revised to delete the 'bulb outs' requested by the vision team and the previous administration. The work at intersections (now limited to Leahi, Kanaina, and Castle) is limited to enhancement of safety, ADA compliant pedestrian pathways, and a modest bit of landscaping to the intersections. The intersection modifications reduce the distance pedestrians must cross, and prevents motor vehicles from attempting to squeeze in-between cars stopped at these intersections. During the preparation of the master plan, the consultant, Plan Pacific, held nine meetings of an advisory committee, which included several members of the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board (Karen Ah Mai, Michelle Matson, and Art Ross, et al). The Neighborhood Board Chair (Karen Ah Mai) was the project champion for the master plan. They conducted three well-advertised public workshops on the plan, two during its preparation and the third to present the final plan. In addition, they presented the master plan to the Neighborhood Board itself and gave several update reports and presentations at the Vision Team 17 meetings. The Kapahulu Business Association included items about the master plan in its occasional newsletters to businesses in the area. In addition, as follow up to the master plan, they mailed a 10-page, illustrated design guidelines pamphlet to every property owner along Kapahulu Avenue. All of this occurred more than five years ago."
3. In response to a question about the status of repair work at Paki Hale, the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) reported that "The current construction is complete except for the installation of new interior doors which is expected to be completed by next week. DDC will be scheduling a final inspection of the facility following completion of that work. We anticipate turning over the facility to Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) soon after the final inspection."

DPR apologized for "...not knowing who the DPR employee was that made the 'unofficial' comment regarding the need for additional funding for the Paki Hale project. The tile work on the second floor is primarily for the lanai areas. Loose tiles caused by water intrusion were one of the conditions of the initial repair project and may be included in the ongoing work at no additional funding. Information regarding the specifics of the Paki Hale repair work and its completion would be better obtained from DDC. Carpeting for the second floor was not an original issue of the project and as such, bids were obtained from vendors prior to the beginning of the Paki Hale repairs but will have to be revisited as the current project nears completion."

4. Regarding a question about cost sharing of repairs to the Natatorium, the Mayor's Office is working on this matter.
5. Regarding a question about irrigation of the area between Kalakaua Avenue/Poni Moi Road, DDC reports that "The referenced triangular area between Kalakaua and Poni Moi Road with the ironwood trees is a portion of the City's Kapiolani Regional Park complex. The park's master plan is currently being updated. Considerations, such as irrigation, are part of the master plan process. We will be forwarding your request for funding to DPR for consideration in a future capital improvement project."

6. Regarding a question about determining which streets are resurfaced and use of scanning equipment to study the underlying condition of streets, the Division of Road Maintenance reports that "...staff routinely conducts a visual inspection of all City owned and maintained roadways to determine the pavement condition. The pavement condition is evaluated in terms of the extent of surface defects such as potholes peel-offs (loss of the asphalt concrete surface layer), raveling (small stones separating from the roadway surface), rutting (vertical depressions), and cracking. The City does not have scanning equipment to study the underlying condition of streets.

Based on the condition of survey, roadways are programmed for contract resurfacing, rehabilitation or reconstruction. Priority for this work is determined by: a) availability of funds, b) roadway condition, and c) roadway classification, such as major or minor. With the funds provided we program resurfacing, rehabilitation or reconstruction of major roadways, bus routes and arterial collector streets, first. Minor roadways will be programmed as additional funds become available.

Prior to the start of work, contract documents are prepared by a consultant engaged by the City. During the project design phase the consultant will investigate the underlying structural capacity of the deteriorated pavement areas to determine the extent of pavement reconstruction needed.

The Department of Facility Maintenance is in the process of selecting a consultant to develop and implement a pavement management program to improve the City's present system of evaluating and maintaining roadway pavements. The consultant will consider various means of evaluating pavement condition including the use of scanning or other equipment to identify the pavement's underlying structural condition as well as surface defects."

7. Regarding a question on the relocation of TheBus stop for the No. 22 and 58 routes, the Department of Transportation Services reports that "This bus stop was relocated because, at its original location nearside of Campbell Avenue, the driveway was widened. This eliminated the sidewalk service area at the bus stop. It is not safe to have bus riders wait in a driveway area. In addition, the new location fronting Diamond Head Market places the bus stop closer to the signalized crosswalk at the Monsarrat and Campbell avenues intersection.
8. Regarding a request for repairs to park restrooms in the Makaha area, DPR will do an inspection of its parks and make any necessary repairs.
9. Regarding a request for public restrooms next to the Waikiki Police Station to be kept open later hours, "DPR and HPD have discussed the extended hours of the comfort station and agreed to Halloween and during the Waikiki Ho'olaulea."
10. Regarding a question about the City's phone system being able to allow transfer of calls from City Hall and the Honolulu Municipal Building to Kapolei Hale, the Department of Information Technology reports that "The City is in the process of updating its outdated systems. There are over five different systems over 20 years in age. Many are no longer upgradeable or maintainable. The City is taking an effective low cost migration approach that will take a number of years. To date we have saved approximately \$200,000 per year in telecom costs and converted over 250 lines with minimal impact on the budget. It will take us approximately four more years to convert everyone, without the need of an expensive \$35 million major city wide upgrade."

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. It was suggested that sand on the beaches be tested due to the recent dumping of sewage. Narita noted that the State is doing such testing.
2. Follow up will be done about why canoe clubs were allowed to store their canoes on the lawn fronting the Natatorium, and a suggestion that the canoes be stored elsewhere. It was noted that at this time clubs can not use the Ala Wai Canal for practice due to the sewer spill and had to relocate.

3. Follow up will be done on what the City will do if there is another break in a sewer line that resulted in dumping of sewage into the Ala Wai Canal. Would the City do the same thing again?
4. Follow up on when the left-turn traffic signal lights at Kapahulu and Mooheau avenues will be activated.
5. Concern was expressed by a guest about possible traffic impacts caused by the upcoming Span Jam in Waikiki. Egged reported that this event is not sponsored by the Waikiki Improvement Association, and that street closure information is available on the City's web site, on the Department of Transportation Services' pages. The web site information will be provided to a guest.
6. Follow up will be done on what a private well drilling company is doing on St. Louis Drive.
7. Follow up will be done on why some work, such as resetting manhole covers following repaving, related to a water main replacement project on St. Louis Drive was not completed.
8. Additional information was requested on the sidewalk bulbouts on Kapahulu Avenue.
9. Follow up will be done on the investigation into the sewer spill.
10. It was suggested that potholes be marked with paint until they are patched so drivers can see and avoid them.
11. A test project is providing Wifi services on TheBus CityExpress from Waipahu to the University of Hawaii.
12. Follow up will be done on the use of a parcel of land on Monsarrat Avenue, near 18th Avenue for storing trucks, etc.
13. The State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, is responsible for the Ala Wai Boat Harbor's waters, such as for clean up of debris.

Constantinau was thanked for attending the meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES DJOU** – Stan Fichtman, from Councilmember Djou's Office, reported the following:

1. Councilmember Djou planned to, but was unable to attend tonight's Board meeting.
2. Councilmember Djou's Office is following up on the canoe clubs storing their canoes in front of the Natatorium.
3. The trucks parked on a lot on Monsarrat Avenue belong to a private contractor leasing the space from the State. Follow up is being done with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources.
4. Regarding the sewer spill, the City Council passed a resolution requesting a study on the carrying capacity of the infrastructure in Waikiki, including water, sewer, roads, etc. The study is in progress.
5. Councilmember Djou is chair of the newly formed Committee on Energy and the Environment, which will work on energy generation and conservation.
6. The new administrator of the Liquor Commission is Dewey Kim.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Follow up will be done on the status of the liquor license application for the new 7-Eleven at Kapahulu Avenue and Castle Street. The Liquor Commission hearing on the application was earlier today.

2. The public is welcome to call the Councilmember's office at 547-7004.

**COUNCILMEMBER ANN KOBAYASHI** – A written report was received from Councilmember Kobayashi and made available for interested persons to review.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT** – Dave Chun distributed material to Board members on Community Benefits Agreements, which “is a legally enforceable contract, signed by the community groups and by a developer, setting forth a range of community benefits that the developer agrees to provide as part of a development project.” He suggested the Board form a committee to study this matter further and that he has or will be speaking to other Neighborhood Boards on this matter.

**WAIKIKI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING** – At the Waikiki Residents Association meeting next week Tuesday, Waikiki Chapel, 7:00 p.m., there will be an update on the sewer spill. The State Department of Health will be present.

**TAX INCENTIVES FOR FIRE SPRINKLER** – Young suggested there be tax incentives for residents to install fire sprinkler systems in their homes.

**McCULLY – MOILIILI AREA FLOODING** – Ron Lockwood, Chair, McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board, reported the following:

1. Residents worked together to deal with flooding problems, such as in the Fern Street area where 25 homes and 12 businesses were affected.
2. There was a disaster relief team at the Japanese Cultural Center available to residents earlier today to assist those who suffered damages from the recent rains.
3. Interested persons were encouraged to attend next week's Waikiki Residents Association meeting where representatives from City, State, and federal agencies, the Red Cross and Salvation Army, will be present to discuss the recent sewer spill.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION** – Narita reported two commissioners, the chair and vice chair have resigned and meetings are on hold until replacements are named.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES' (DTS) HANDLING OF REQUESTS** – Chair Ah Mai reported that the process used to review requests is: a field study; if warranted, that is followed by a traffic study; if further warranted, that is followed by an engineer's review and a public notice before changes are made. During the public notice phase, the Board is notified and can provide input at this point.

Chair Ah Mai noted that it is unknown if late receipt of a letter regarding Kepuhi Street is due to the DTS sending it to the Board late, or was delayed in the Neighborhood Commission Office in getting to the Board.

Wong is concerned about work at the intersection of Kapahulu Avenue and Castle Street.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HONOLULU ZOO CHANGES** – Greg Hee, from the Department of Design and Construction, and John Ida, architect from Urban Works, consultant, reported on plans to replace the Honolulu Zoo entrance building and gift shop. The Honolulu Zoo has been at its present site since 1948 and the current entrance building and gift shop was built in 1962. It has since become outdated, does not clearly identify the entrance to the zoo, has termite damage, leaks, and is not up to current codes. In 2004, \$2.3 million for design and construction was funded to replace the building. A design-build process will be used where one contractor both designs and constructs the building. Plans are to replace the existing entrance building and gift shop with a one-story, glass walled, gift shop



and entry building, eliminate the existing informational kiosk at Kalakaua and Kapahulu avenues, add a new identification sign, and add pedestrian and police vehicle accessible pathways fronting the new building.

Questions, answer and comments followed:

1. Several members questioned the design of the building as not having a Hawaiian theme. The design can be reviewed.
2. The design of the new building is intended to be low profile, yet more clearly identify the entry than the existing building. Zoo director Ken Redman did consult on the design.
3. Other remodeling projects within the zoo will follow.
4. The informational kiosk is currently staffed part time by volunteers, and has limited usefulness. It also has termite damage and blocks view planes.
5. The new building will be located closer to the parking lot than the current building and will not impact the parking lot or burial mound. The location had to accommodate not impacting trees in the area.
6. Long range plans for the zoo include development of new exits. The old, one-way out only, turnstile gates are locked, one is broken, the other was locked to keep school children on field trips from wandering out and not being able to get back into the zoo. In the event of an emergency, there is an evacuation plan that uses existing access points.
7. Landscaping is included in the plans.
8. The zoo is on the historic register, but according to Hee, the building is not.
9. Concern was expressed about the building intruding into Kapiolani Park Trust Lands, which would require notification of trustees.
10. The Zoo Master Plan, which is being updated, addresses replacement of the entrance building. The
11. It was suggested zoos around the world be checked for a better design.

**Matson moved and Harden seconded that the Board opposes the proposed design until a design, appropriate to the park, is submitted.** Discussion followed.

**Harden moved and Dumas seconded to extend the meeting 15 minutes. The motion carried, 13-2.** Egged and Miller opposed.

Discussion followed. **Dumas moved and Matson seconded to amend the motion to add that there be input from the Outdoor Circle, Historic Preservation Division, Historic Hawaii Foundation, and other pertinent organizations. Amending the motion carried, 10-0-5.** Miller, Egged, Gau, Ah Mai, and Nahoopii abstained.

**The motion, as amended, carried, 10-0-5.** Miller, Egged, Gau, Ah Mai, Nahoopii abstained.

Hee provided additional comments, noting the design was a compromise to address not impacting the nearby trees, security, and wanting to make it a showpiece for the zoo, etc., and that there was consultation with the zoo director, Outdoor Circle, and other organizations, and designs of other zoos' entrances checked.

**PROTECTING PROPERTY AGAINST FIRES** – Chair Ah Mai reported that due to funding, Denise Laitinen, from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, would not be able to speak to the Board on the Firewise program at this time.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECYCLING** – Berlin reviewed a resolution "...requesting the City administration and the City Council to seek immediate action on the handling of recyclable materials and to complete a solid

waste management plan before the 2008 closure date of the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill." Discussion followed. **Waialeale moved and Matson seconded to amend the portions of the resolution to read "...the City Administration and the City Council to immediately seek a solution for handling..." and "...the City Administration and City Council to immediately proceed on the development and completion..."**

Discussion followed.

**Matson moved and Dumas seconded to extend the meeting two minutes. The motion failed.** The motion received only seven out the required eight votes to carry.

**The motion carried 14-0-1.** Gau abstained.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dean Chu  
Neighborhood Assistant



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Resolution

REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO SEEK IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE HANDLING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND TO COMPLETE A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN BEFORE THE 2008 CLOSURE DATE OF THE WAIMANALO LANDFILL.

WHEREAS the Waimanalo Landfill has limited space and faces a closure date of 2008,

WHEREAS there are no sites yet selected for additional landfills and no decision on extending the lifetime of the Waimanalo Landfill,

WHEREAS a booming economy and an increase in tourism have added significantly to the average amount of waste that is processed at H-Power from 1,000 tons per day to 1,700 tons per day,

WHEREAS the curbside pickup of green waste and redemption centers for cans are already being implemented island-wide,

WHEREAS there are 50,000 blue trash bins distributed for recycling cans, plastics, glass, and cardboard with no detailed plans on how to use them,

WHEREAS there are 77 or more collection bins for recyclables throughout Oahu, primarily at schools,

BE IT RESOLVED by Neighborhood Board No. 5 (Diamond Head - Kapahulu - St. Louis Heights) that the City Administration and the City Council immediately seek a solution for handling recyclable material in a expeditious manner that balances economy and convenience, incorporating more drop-ff centers and curbside pickups as appropriate,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration and the City Council immediately proceed on the development and completion of a solid waste management plan before the Waimanalo Landfill reaches its capacity or closure date in 2008,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, all members of the City Council, and the Director of Environmental Services.

Passed by a vote of 14-0-1 at: April13, 2006, Regular Meeting

Karen Ah Mai, Chair

